[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—PROGRAMME OF THE HOUSE CONSEQUENT ON THE DECISION OF THE BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Business Advisory Committee met yesterday and decided that the Assembly shall sit for one more day on the 27th July also and that Government Bills which have to be urgently passed be taken up on the 25th and 27th July also.

We shall now proceed with the discussion on the Demands for Grants.

III,—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1957-58—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND VIII—IRRIGATION.

(2) DEMAND XXXVI—CAPITAL OUTLAY ON IRRIGATION—*cont.*

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : Mr. Speaker, Sir, while supporting this Irrigation Demand, I desire to point out certain facts that require the attention of the Hon. Minister who moved the Demand. The classification in the Budget of 'Productive' and 'Unproductive' works is not correct as it follows the old British method, viz., the taking up of only productive works on the ground of 6 per cent return on the capital outlay. Taking Tanjore district, there are certain parts of that district—Arantangi and Pattukkottai taluks—which are not commanded by the Cauvery-Mettur Project. The old Pudukkottai State is now a part of Tiruchirappalli district. These may be called the 'Rayalaseema' of this State. They are very backward areas and dry areas too and depend upon the precariously low rainfall which is about 24 inches per annum. They have to depend upon a number of chains of tanks and channels. Most of these tanks have to get their supply from a number of jungle streams. The Government have taken over certain zamin and inam tanks for renovation. But, these tanks could not be filled up with water unless steps are taken for the proper harnessing of the various jungle rivers which feed these tanks. The Government are spending quite a lot of money. But, care should be taken to spend it usefully in harnessing the jungle streams. Otherwise, most of the tanks could not be filled up with water. If only they could properly harness the river Ambuliyar and the supply channel Annadhana Cauvery. I am sure, a large area of wet lands could be brought under cultivation. There is a dam constructed over 20 years ago and it is in a dilapidated condition. Plans and estimates for renovating this Dam are pending for the past five years. 9-25 a.m.

In this connexion, I have got to mention that the existence of three Departments to deal with irrigation matters, so far as tank works are concerned, is a great handicap for the development of irrigation. There is the G.A.C. Section, Special M.I.P. Section and Minor Irrigation (Revenue) Section. On account of the existence of these three different departments, there has been great